Financial Aid Checklist

- ☐ Create an FSA ID to register for federal financial aid (required for student AND parent/guardian).
- ☐ Create your FAFSA account to qualify for federal financial aid.
- ☐ Confirm your FAFSA includes all the schools you are applying to.
- ☐ Complete FAFSA and go to Ocean Discovery for final approval.
- ☐ Create your CalGrant account to qualify for state financial aid.
- ☐ **Submit the FAFSA and CalGrant, by April 2.**
- ☐ Send FAFSA Submission Summary to Isabel. (includes "student aid index")
- ☐ Send California Aid Report (CAR from CalGrant) to Isabel.
- ☐ Create CSS Profile account to qualify for financial aid at a variety of private and out-of-state colleges, if applicable.
- ☐ Submit your CSS Profile application.
- ☐ Visit top colleges' financial aid websites to find college-specific scholarships to apply to.
- ☐ Create and complete San Diego Foundation Common Scholarship Application; review with Isabel before submitting to ensure eligibility for CSI scholarship.
- ☐ Submit Stephen Effron scholarship application.
- ☐ Submit 20+ additional scholarships.
- ☐ Receive a financial aid consultation with Christina Contreras, College & Career Specialist.
- ☐ Send financial aid offer(s) to Isabel prior to financial aid consultation.
- ☐ Petition financial aid for a better financial aid offer, or find other ways to fill the financial aid gap.
- ☐ Accept financial aid offer.
- ☐ Attend San Diego Foundation's celebration for scholarship recipients.